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Top Stories from the Sudanese Press – September 19, 2006

Controversy Over UN Deployment to Darfur

Press Conference by Vice-President Taha:

- “Taha: The U.S. is Not a God, Sudan Will Emerge Stronger After this Crisis” (Alwan)
- “Taha: The U.S. is Not a God that Should be Worshipped” (Al-Sudani)
- “Taha: GOS Perseverance in Rejection will Open the Way to a Third Route” (Al-Sahafa)
- “Taha: The Actions of the International Community are Attempts to Thwart the AU Mission” (Al-Wihda)
- “Taha: The Deployment of UN Forces to Darfur will Transform Sudan Into a New Iraq” (Al-Hayat)*
- “Taha: We do Not Trust U.S. Promises, No Backing Down on Our Decision” (Akhir Lahza)
- “Taha: Government is not Against Cooperation with International community and UN” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Taha Affirms Government Adherence to Political Solution for Darfur Crisis” (The Citizen)
- “Sudan Reaffirms Categorical Rejection of Deployment of UN Forces, Taha” (Sudan Vision)

Other official views:

- “President to Take up Darfur at UN” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “President Al-Bashir to Address the UN General Assembly on Wednesday” (Sudan Vision)
- “Sudan Reaffirms Categorical Rejection of Deployment of UN Forces, Taha” (Sudan Vision)
- “Sudan VP [Kiir] Backs UN Troops in Darfur” (AP/Sudan Tribune)

- “SLM Rejects Mobilization of Citizens Against SC Resolution 1706” (The Citizen)
- “SLM Minnawi Urges Sudan Bashir to Okay UN Darfur Peacekeepers” (The Citizen)
- Presidential Advisor [Khalifa] Hails Libyan Stances Towards Sudan” (Sudan Vision)

US-Sudan Relations

- “President Bush to Appoint a Special Envoy to Darfur” (Al-Sahafa)*
- “Summit Between Al-Bashir and Bush to Hold in New York” (Al-Hayat)
- “Secretary General of the Bar Association Calls for Closure of Embassy” (Rai Al-Shaab)

Other International Responses

- “Annan Urges UN Rights Council to Focus on Darfur” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “AU Peace and Security Council Summit Adjourned to Wednesday” (Sudan Vision)*
- “AMIS Inaugurates DPA Implementation Office in El-Fashir” (Khartoum Monitor)
- “Thousands [in U.S.] Call for UN Force in Sudan” (News Agencies/Khartoum Monitor)

News from South Sudan

- “New Agricultural Bank for South Sudan, Says Minister Martin” (The Citizen)
- “GOSS President Salva Kiir Arrives Rumbek Today” (The Citizen)
- “Kiir Chairs Conference on Development and Environment” (Sudan Tribune)
- “NCP Southern Sector Rejects Security Council Resolution 1706” (Sudan Vision)

Other Headlines

- “East Negotiations Adjourned for a Week to Allow Consultations” (Sudan Vision)*
- “Censorship Lifted from the Press” (Al-Ayaam)*
- MPs plot for a vote of no confidence against Speaker (Al-Rai Al-Aam)*
- Government renews vow to disclose the results of investigations into the killing of the newspaper editor once investigations are through (Al-Sahafa)*

Leading Commentaries

- “The GOS and the Media” (Columnist Osman Merghani commends Vice President Taha’s ‘articulate’ arguments against the deployment of UN forces to

Darfur, recommending better government utilization of the media in order to explain its positions and mobilize support.) (Al-Sudani)

- “Sudan Will Never Succumb to Pressures” (Editorial commends Taha’s statements on the Darfur peacekeeping issue, arguing that they effectively preclude any possibility of Sudan reversing its stance.) (Sudan Vision)*
- “Sudan Comes First” (Columnist Ziada argues that accusations of genocide in Darfur – like those of MWD in Iraq -- are just “a ruse to sell the intervention to the Americans.” “The truth is that neither British nor American imperialism was or is idealistic.... The urge to save humanity is almost always only a false-face for the urge to rule it.”) (Sudan Vision)*
- “The Free World Nations Support Us” (Applauding what he calls ‘The Free World Nations’ who have offered support to Sudan in its opposition to UNSC Resolution 1706, columnist argues that Sudan will emerge the stronger for this crisis.) (Akhir Lahza)
- “Arman’s Concern for free Press Commendable” (Editorial hails SPLM Secretary General’s threat to resign his parliamentary position if violations to press freedoms persist: freedom of expression is primarily not that of the journalist but the right of the public to know.) (Khartoum Monitor)

Articles from the International Press (Hyperlinks)

(Right-click the title and choose “Open Hyperlink”)

[U.S. to Name Special Envoy for Sudan](#)

The Bush administration plans to name a former top diplomat as a special envoy for Sudan, where three years of fighting in the Darfur region have killed more than 200,000 people. President Bush plans to announce Tuesday that former U.S. Agency for International Development chief Andrew Natsios will be the U.S. point man in ending the fighting, a U.S. official said.

AP, September 18, 2006

[Bush blocks campaign to put pressure on Sudan over Darfur](#)

The Bush administration and big business interests have been accused of undermining efforts to exert financial pressure on the Sudanese government to stop the killing in Darfur.

The Independent, September 18, 2006

Take the Lead on Darfur

President Bush will face a tough, and in many cases hostile, crowd when he addresses the United Nations General Assembly today. The mayhem in Iraq, his flouting of the Geneva Conventions, the hectoring tone of his previous appearances will all make it much harder for him to elicit the respect or even the full attention that any American president should command.

The NY Times, September 18, 2006

Sudan's 2nd vice president confident UN won't enter Darfur

Sudanese Vice President Ali Osman Taha expressed confidence Monday that U.N. forces would not enter Darfur without his government's permission. Taha's comments came as international pressure — official and public — increased on Sudan to accept United Nations peacekeepers in Darfur, with less than two weeks until the mandate of the African Union's peacekeeping mission expires.

AP, September 18, 2006

Sudan calls for Darfur investment

The Sudanese government has said war-torn Darfur needs investment rather than United Nations peacekeepers. The Sudanese finance minister said Darfur had a "development problem", requiring humanitarian aid and investment in basic infrastructure.

BBC, September 18, 2006

Africa: AU Peace, Security Council to Discuss Sudan

Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma will lead a South African delegation to New York in the United States on Monday, to discuss the conflict situation in Sudan. This is part of the efforts to end a three-year conflict that has led to the death and displacement of thousands of people in that country. The African Union Peace and Security Council meeting is expected to review the situation in Darfur and consider the mandate of the African Mission in Sudan (AMIS).

BuaNews, September 18, 2006

AU delays vote on Darfur

African Union (AU) ministers postponed at the last minute a vote to extend the mandate of its peacekeeping mission in Darfur scheduled for last night in New York.

Reuters, September 19, 2006

UN envoy urges beefing up African Union in Sudan

The United Nations should beef up African Union forces in Darfur with troops and logistical support, even if Sudan does not allow a full U.N. operation, a senior U.N. envoy said on Monday.

Reuters, September 18, 2006

Tens of thousands rally for intervention in Sudan

People rallied in cities across the world on Sunday to protest the violence in the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan and urge world leaders to intervene to resolve the conflict. Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in New York City, religious leaders gathered outside Downing Street in London to pray for a resolution, and a candlelight vigil was held in Cambodia to remember Darfur victims.

AP, September 18, 2006

The Genocide Test

THE NEXT FEW days will show whether China means to let Sudan's dictatorship get away with genocide. A series of meetings at the United Nations in New York offers the best and possibly the last chance to persuade the Sudanese to allow U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur.

Washington Post, September 19, 2006

Sudanese Press Websites:

Al-Wihda	www.Alwahada.com
Akhbar Al-Youm	www.akhbaralyoumsd.net
Rai Al-Shaab	www.rayalshaab.info
Al-Watan	www.alwatansudan.com
Al-Shari Al-Siasi	www.sharisiasi.com
Al-Sudani	www.alsudani.info
Al-Khartoum	www.Khartoumnewspaper.com
Sudan News Agency (SUNA)	www.Suna-sd.Net
Sudan Tribune	www.sudantribune.com
Sudan Vision	www.sudanvisiondaily.com

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<http://usinfo.state.gov>

<http://www.state.gov>

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<http://www.sol-sd.com>

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<http://www.Sudanradio.org>

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<http://www.Sudantribune.com>

<http://smcSudan.net>

www.sudanreeves.org

The African Mission in Sudan

www.amis-sudan.org

IRIN News (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs--SUDAN page)

http://www.irinnews.org/frontpage.asp?SelectRegion=East_Africa&SelectCountry=Sudan

UN News Centre (SUDAN page)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=88&Body=Sudan&Body1>

Relief Web (SUDAN page):

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc108?OpenForm&emid=ACOS-636PJQ&rc=1>

Alertnet (SUDAN page)

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/emergency/246397.htm>

Humanitarian Information Center for Darfur:

<http://www.humanitarianinfo.org/darfur/default>

Al Bab: Khartoum Handbook and Diary

<http://www.coreSudan.com>

Refugees International:

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org>

Sudan Information Gateway
United Nations System in the Sudan
www.unsudanig.org

Association for Media Development in South Sudan
www.gurtong.com